

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/13/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4-7 and 10-19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Examiner's Amendment and**  
**Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance**  
*Allowance*

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. McGlynn.

2. The claims are amended to read as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trunk space storage system comprising:

at least one track mounted in the trunk space; and

a movable wall disposed in a generally perpendicular position in relation to said track, substantially inhibited from movement away from the perpendicular

position, supported for sliding movement along said track in the trunk space, and held in position along said track via friction.

2. (CANCELLED)

3. (CANCELLED)

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The trunk space storage system as in claim 1, wherein there are numerous tracks mounted in the trunk space in which said movable wall slides.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The trunk space storage system as in claim 1, wherein said track further comprises at least one indent.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The trunk space storage system as in claim 5, wherein said movable wall further comprises at least one boss to fit into said indent to assist in supporting the position of said movable wall.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trunk space storage system comprising:  
at least one track mounted in the trunk space;

a movable wall disposed in a generally perpendicular position in relation to said track in the trunk space, substantially inhibited from movement away from the perpendicular position, and supported for sliding movement by said track; and

a wall extension supported for movement relative to said movable wall and adapted for adjusting the height of said movable wall.

8. (CANCELLED)

9. (CANCELLED)

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The trunk space storage system as in claim 7, wherein there are numerous tracks mounted in the trunk space in which said moveable wall slides.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The trunk space storage system of claim 7, wherein said track further comprises at least one indent.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The trunk space storage system of claim 11, wherein said movable wall further comprises at least one boss to fit into said indent to hold said movable wall in desired position.

13. (ORIGINAL) The trunk space storage system of claim 7 wherein said wall extension extends only as high as highest point of said movable wall.

14. (ORIGINAL) The trunk space storage system of claim 7, wherein said wall extension further comprises a rigid, semi-rigid, or a soft, flexible material.

15. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The trunk space storage system of claim 7, wherein abutment between said movable wall and said track inhibits said movable wall from movement away from the perpendicular position.

16. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The trunk space storage system of claim 1, wherein abutment between said movable wall and said track inhibits said movable wall from movement away from the perpendicular position.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The trunk space storage system of claim 7, wherein said movable wall includes a cutout such that said movable wall mimics an opening of the trunk space.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The trunk space storage system of claim 17, wherein said wall extension is supported by said movable wall and is adapted for adjusting the height of said movable wall at said cutout.


19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The trunk space storage system of claim 1, wherein said movable wall includes a cutout such that said movable wall mimics an opening of the trunk space.

3. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the allowance of the claims in this case, is the inclusion of the limitation "at least one track mounted in the trunk space; a movable wall disposed in a generally perpendicular position in relation to said track in the trunk space, substantially inhibited from movement away from the perpendicular position, and supported for sliding movement by said track; and a wall extension supported for movement relative to said movable wall and adapted for adjusting the height of said movable wall" in the independent claim, in combination with the other recited limitations in claims supported by this application, which are not found in the prior art of record.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Primary Examiner Kiran B. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-6665. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:00 to 5:00. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

  
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